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## **REMARKS**

As shown in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made", we amended the specification to correct a minor informality of an inadvertent typographical error to a patent reference.

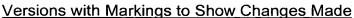
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A compressed core containing the active compound and a film-coating around the core also can comprise a sugar coating containing a further dose of active drug around the seal coated core as described in U.S. Patent No. [4,428,858]. Sustained-release compositions of the present invention also can comprise multiple compartments as described for capsules in U.S. Patent No. 5,672,359. In an three compartment design, the outer compartment may incorporate the active compound or an odoriferous agent and excipients into a layer which coats and thus surrounds the intermediate component of the capsule. This outer component represents the rapid or instantaneous release portion of the delivery system. The intermediate compartment comprises a powder formulation which represents the intermediate rate of release portion of the delivery system. The innermost compartment incorporates the active compound in a slow release formulation as described above or as multiparticulate form, such as small pellets which may be coated or uncoated.